

<b>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/671,350	STAPEL ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Alison K. Pickard	3673	

**All Participants:**

(1) Alison K. Pickard.

(2) Robert Stearns.

**Status of Application:** \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

(4) \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Interview:** 23 August 2005

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Interview:**

- ☒ Telephonic  
☐ Video Conference  
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

**Part I.**

Rejection(s) discussed:

*n/a*

Claims discussed:

*all of record*

Prior art documents discussed:

*all of record*

**Part II.**

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

*See Continuation Sheet*

**Part III.**

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.  
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

  
 (Examiner/SPE Signature)

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 (Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: the examiner called with suggestions to make the claims allowable over the prior art of record. The changes clarify that the limiting elements are at the outside edge of the spacing layer and that the functional layers are sheet (or plate) layers and not, for example, a layer of elastomer (see Ueta '021). The changes were approved and entered via examiners amendment. The examiner got approval (9/1) for the changes to claims 13, 15, 17,19,21, and 23 to correct a 112 antecedent problem.